less, because of the policy followed by the railways to offer public transport facility at affordable prices for the common man.

Gauge conversion, track renewals and route electrification in Andhra Pradesh

3136. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of gauge conversion, track renewal and route electrification works undertaken in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, till date, year-wise;

(b) whether new lines were also added during the said years;

(c) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(d) how much budget has been earmarked for these purposes during 2001-2002, the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No new gauge conversions in the state of Andhra Pradesh have been sanctioned during the last three years. However, the details on ongoing gauge conversion projects in the state are as under:

Name of Work	Year of approval	Proposed Budget outlay 2001-2002 (Rs. in cr.)	Status
1	2	3	4
Secunderabad-Mudkhed and Jankhampet-Bodhan	1997-98	19.87	Work has been taken up in phases and first phase work between Mudkhed-Nizamabad is presently in progress.
Secunderabad-Dronachellam	1992-93	0.55	The work has been completed

1	2	3 4	
Guntur-Guntakal & Guntakal-Kalluru	1992-93	20.00	Guntur-Guntakal section completed. Work presently in progress on new line portion between Pendekallu-Gooty.
Katpadi-Pakala-Tirupati	1992-93	5.00	Earthwork and bridge work presently in progress on the section.
Dharmavaram-Pakala	1997-98	1.00	The work would be taken up after the requisite clearances have been obtained, for which action has already been initiated.
Mudkhed-Adilabad	1984-85	20.00	Work presently in progress under Build-Own-Lease-Transfer (BOLT) Scheme.
Naupada-Gunupur	1997-98	0.10	Work will be taken up after the necessary clearances have been obtained, for which action has already been initiated.

Track Renewals

Details of track renewals are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise by Railways. The State of Andhra Pradesh is served by three Railways viz. Southern, South Central and South Eastern Railway. The Track Renewal done on these Railways during the last three years as under:—

Year	Track renewal done in Kms.
1997-98	1006
1998-99	1017
1999-2000	1079

An amount of Rs. 1017.40 cr. has been allocated in the Budget 2001-2002 for track renewal on the above Railways.

Electrification

During the last three years the following route electrification have been completed in the State of Andhra Pradesh:—

(i) Simachalam-Kottavalasa-Alamanda
(ii) Duvvada-Vadlapudi
(iii) Alamanda-Srikakulam Road
(iv) Palasa-Tilaru
(v) Simachalam yard
(vi) Palasa-Ichhapuram
(vii) Srikakulam Road-Tilaru

The work of electrification of Renigunta-Guntakal section is in progress and is targeted for completion March 2004. An amount of Rs. 10.14 cr. has been provided on the Budget 2001-2002 for this work.

(b) to (d) The details of new line sanctioned during the last three years in Andhra Pradesh are given below:

Name	Years of sanction	Outlay (Rs. in cr.) 2001-2002	Current Status
Gadwal-Raichur	1998-99	5	Final Location Survey presently in progress.
Kakinada-Pithapuram	1999-2000	10	Work would be taken up after necessary clearances have been obtained.
Kotipalli-Narasapur	2000-2001	20	Final Location Survey presently in progress.

Expansion of New Rail Roads of SER

3137. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned for expansion of New Rail Roads of SER, State-wise;

(b) the amount sanctioned by Government for West Bengal;

(c) the length, in K.M., of Rail Roads of SER in Orissa, in comparison to West Bengal and other States; and

(d) the reasons for sanctioning more funds for West Bengal?